

and shall pay promptly, an additional amount to cover the costs of such contract(s) but such charges will not exceed, when added to the initial charge, one-half of one percent of the obligation for which a guarantee is sought.

(5) The application shall be accompanied by a transmittal letter in form as follows:

Re Application for a Commitment to Guarantee [Guarantee] under section 511 of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, as amended (the "Act").

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATOR,
c/o the Associate Administrator for Federal Assistance of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC.

DEAR SIR: Being duly authorized by _____ (jointly and severally/if more than one) (the "Applicant") to convey the understandings hereinafter set forth, I respectfully submit this application and remit its filing fee. By this filing, Applicant requests the Administrator to investigate the application and make the necessary findings upon which Applicant's eligibility for a Commitment to Guarantee [Guarantee] may be determined.

Applicant understands that neither the acceptance of this filing, the deposit of the filing fee, nor the commencement of an investigation acknowledges the sufficiency of the application's form, content or merit. Furthermore, Applicant understands that the Administrator will incur numerous expenses by this filing, and promises to pay, when charged, such amounts as the Administrator may assess with respect to the investigation of the application, the appraisal of security being offered, and the making of the necessary determinations and findings, up to one-half of one percent (including the filing fee) of the principal amount of the obligation for which Applicant seeks a Commitment to Guarantee [Guarantee].

Finally, Applicant understands that (1) payment of all such charges is required prior to the Administrator's final determination, (2) no charge will be cancelled nor refund made upon any termination of this application, (3) notice of this application will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER to invite comment by interested parties, and (4) the Administrator will assess an annual premium charge, pursuant to the Act, on any obligation guaranteed under section 511.

Respectfully submitted,

Applicant(s)

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§ 260.13 Information requests.

If an applicant desires that any information submitted in an application or supplement thereto not be released by the Administrator upon request from a member of the public, the applicant must so state and must set forth any reasons why such information should not be released, including particulars as to any competitive harm which would probably result from release of such information. The Administrator will keep such information confidential as permitted by law.

§ 260.15 Waivers and modifications.

The Administrator may, upon good cause shown, waive or modify any requirement of this part not required by law or make any additional requirements he deems necessary.

APPENDIX TO SUBPART A— ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

Part I. Description of the environment in the area of the project before commencement of such project, together with statement of other Federal activities in the area which are known, or should be known, to the applicant. This description shall include, without limitation, the following information:

(A) *Demographic data.* Statement of population and growth characteristics of area and of any population and growth assumptions made by applicant in planning the project. Such statement should use the rates of growth in the projection compiled for the Water Resources Council by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce and the Economic Research Service of the Department of Agriculture, commonly referred to as the OBERS projection of regional economic activity in the United States. Applicants should refer to 1972 OBERS projections for economic areas, and provide 1969 data and 1980 projections for the following: Population; manufacturing earnings; transportation, communications and public utilities earnings; agriculture, forestry and fisheries earnings; and mining earnings. Information should be provided for economic areas which the applicant's proposal would affect.

(B) *Current land use patterns.* Statement of the project's relationship to proposed land use plans, policies, and controls of affected communities, including, where appropriate, maps or diagrams. Where the project is inconsistent with any such plans, policies, or controls, the statement should describe and explain in detail the reasons for such inconsistency.